(c) Yes, Sir;

(d) The IDSMT guidelines have been revised in August, 1995 keeping in view the experiences gained in earlier years and representations from State Governments that without the introduction of a grant element in the financing pattern, the objective of undertaking a basket of remunerative user charge based and service oriented schemes under the scheme was not feasible and that the selected towns and cities were not in a position to mobilise the required institutional finance.

STATEMENT

IDSMT

Towns covered in various States/UTs from 1979-80 till 31.3.1996

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Number of Towns covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	66
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
3.	Assam	17
4.	Bihar	35
5.	Goa	6
6.	Gujarat	47
7.	Haryana	12
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	7
10.	Karnataka	68
11.	Kerala	30
12.	Madhya Pradesh	65
13.	Maharashtra	90
14.	Manipur	10
15.	Meghalaya	7
16.	Mizoram	4
17.	Nagaland	6
18.	Orissa	39
19.	Punjab	22
20.	Rajasthan	41
21.	Sikkim	4
22.	Tamil Nadu	93
23.	Tripura	7
24.	Uttar Pradesh	73
25.	West Bengal	60
	Union Territories	
1.	A & N Islands	1
2.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
3.	Daman & Diu	1
4.	Lakshadweep	1
5.	Pondicherry	6
	Total	828

Water Scarcity in Calcutta City

4289. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has since been drawn to the severe water scarcity in Calcutta city; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of the infrastructural development of Mega cities, water supply projects with an estimated project cost of Rs. 147.68 crores for meeting water scarcity in the Calcutta city have been approved.

Houses for Weaker Sections

4290. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought for assistance for construction of houses for weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed assistance to be given by the HUDCO in this regard during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Twelve urban housing schemes and six rural housing schemes for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) have been submitted to HUDCO for loan assistance by borrowing agencies in Andhra Pradesh. The total loan amount sought for these schemes is Rs. 15.77 crores.

As on the 31st July, 1996, HUDCO has sanctioned 3 rural housing schemes for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in Andhra Pradesh for a loan amount of Rs. 5.37 crores.

(c) During the current financial year, HUDCO has communicated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, fifty percent of the loan allocation for the year 1996-97, amounting to Rs. 11.17 crores for EWS housing, inclusive of urban and rural areas. The overall loan allocation for Andhra Pradesh, for the current year will be decided by HUDCO after reviewing demands from all the States and Union Territories, as well as the progress made in the utilisation of the loan allocation released initially.